Committee to look into Costing and Pricing of Railway Freights and Passenger Services

953. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways propose to appoint a high powered committee to look into rail tariffs covering both costing and pricing of freights and passengers services;

(b) if so, whether this committee will go into costing and pricing of suburban railway travel and declare its findings;

(c) whether railways are indeed suffering a loss on their suburban services in Bombay, Madras and Calcutta; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The loss incurred during 1986-87 was Rs. 107.89 crores.

Film Censor Board

@954. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for placing the Film Censor Board under the Ministry of Human Resource Development when entire AIR, Doordarshan and the Film Industry are under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; and

(b) whether Government propose to place the Film Censor Board under Information and Broadcasting Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) It was felt that it would be more appropriate if the subject of film certification is dealt with by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Culture.

(b) No, Sir.

Model Railway Stations in Kerala

955. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of model railway stations in Kerala;

(b) whether any work on projects for developing such stations has started in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Trivandrum Central.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Construction of washable apron on platform No. 1 is in progress.

Foreign Vessels for Indian Foreign Trade

956. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign vessels have been chartered to carry Indian foreign trade; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Foreign ships are chartered by Government only when suitable Indian vessels are not available in the required position. During the period April, 1987 to March, 1988 Government chartered 199 foreign vessels

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